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**BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD**

Date first licensed **8-8-60 (OFF. NO. 493)**

Call letters **WABG-TV**

Station location **GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI**  
STATION ID: **Greenwood-Greenville, Miss.**  
(3-20-67 by Comm. ltr)

MISSISSIPPI TELECASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED (BAPCT-278 1-6-60 EFF: 1-7-60)  
Name of licensee **X GREENWOOD BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.**

3.75 miles NE of Inverness, Near Inverness, Mississippi. (BPCT-3652 2-25-66)  
X 5 miles west of Greenwood, Highway #82, near Greenwood, Mississippi (BLCT-983, 8-8-60)  
Transmitter location **X Mississippi Route #10, 5 miles West of Greenwood, Near Greenwood, Miss.**

2001 Garrard St., Greenwood, Miss. (BRC 3-28-75)  
X 5 miles west of Greenwood, Highway #82, near Greenwood, Mississippi (BLCT-983, 8-8-60)  
Main studio location **X Mississippi Route # 10, 5 miles West of Greenwood, Near Greenwood, Miss.**



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPCT-2224	1-3-58	CH#6	V-29.6 kw	U	3-3-58
AH: 350'		82-88	A-14.8 kw		9-3-58
CP for a new Comm. TV B/C Station.					
BMFCT-5156	3-25-58	same	same	same	3-3-58
Mod. of CP (BPCT-2224) to extend completion date					3-3-59
BMFCT-5267	3-4-59	same	same	same	3-3-58
Mod. CP (BPCT-2224, as mod.) to extend completion date.					7-15-59
MPCT-5276	4-6-59	CH# 6	V-29.5kw	U	3-3-58
AH: 350'		82-88	A-14.8kw	MSL: 517'	10-3-59
Mod. of CP (BPCT-2224, as Mod.) to chg. ERP, type trans., ant. system and change height above terrain.					
BPCT-2707	10-19-59	CH #6	V-29.5 kw	U	12-19-59
AH: 350'		82-88	A-14.8 kw	MSL: 517'	6-19-60
CP to replace expired CP (BPCT-2224, as mod.).					
WIRE-	10-20-59	RE LIC. APPL. BLCT-983, AUTH. GR. OPR.			
WABG-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SECTION 3.629 RULES & CP					
BMFCT-5276. ADVISE.					
BAPCT-278	1-6-60	Voluntary assignment of construction permit TO Mississippi Telecasting Company, Incorporated.			
EFF: 1-7-60					
BLCT-983	8-8-60	CH #6	V-28.3 kw	U	8-8-60
AH: 350'		82-88	A-14.1	MSL: 517'	6-1-61
LICENSE to cover CP (BPCT-2707, which replaced BPCT-2224, as mod.) and redetermine trans. and studio locations.					
BRCT-493	6-1-61	same	same	same	6-1-61
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					6-1-64
BRCT-493	5-28-64	same	same	same	6-1-64
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					6-1-67
BPCT-3652	2-25-66	CH #6	V-100 kw	U	4-25-66
AH: 1090'		82-88	A-14.1 kw	MSL: 517'	10-25-66
Construction Permit to chg. ERP TL, type of trans. AH.					
BLCT-432	1-25-66	same	V-3.62 kw	same	1-25-66
Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP.					6-1-67



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Station location

Name of licensee MISSISSIPPI TELECASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED

Transmitter location SEE CARD #1

Main studio location SEE CARD #1



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
WIRE	1018-66	REURLET 14.	PENDING	COMP.	CONSTRUCT
ION ACCORD.	BPCT-3652	AND FILING LIC.	APPL.	AUTH.	GR.
OPER. WABG-TV	TEMP. PER.	ENDING OCT. 25, 1966	ACCORD.		
STEPS ONE THRU THREE	YOUR LETTER.	ADVISE WHEN OPER.			
COMMENCES UNDER EACH STEP	OF THIS AUTH.	NOTE THAT EXPIRAT-			
ION DATE OF THIS AUTH.	CORRESPONDS TO EXPIRATION DATE OF				
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT.					
WIRE	10-24-66	RELETATY19.	PENDING EXT.	CP.	EXT.
AUTH. HEREBY GR.	WABG-TV PER.	ENDING 1-25-67.	ACCORD.		
FACILITIES	BPCT-3652	AND COMM WIRE DATED 10-18-66.			
WIRE	1-11-67	RE TENDERED LIC.	APPLI.	AUTH.	GR.
OPER. WABG-TV	ON PROG. TEST	ACCORD. SEC. 73.629 RULES AND			
CP BPCT-3652.					
BRCT-493	5-22-67	same	same	same	6-1-67
		RENEWAL OF LICENSE			6-1-70
BRCT-493	5-27-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			6-1-73
BLCT-1647	7-16-70	LIC. (CP(BPCT-3652 chgs.			6-1-73
		in station			
BPCT-4435	7-14-71	CP chg.	Trans.	eqpt.	1-14-73
WIRE	1-17-72	PENDING FIL.	LIC.	APPLI.	AUTH. GR.
OPER. TEMP.	PER. END	2-17-72	ACCORD	CP BPCT-4435.	
WIRE	2-23-72	RE TENDERED LIC.	APPLI.	AUTH.	GR.
OPER. MAIN	TRANS. AND ANT.	ON PTA	ACCORD.	CP BPCT-4435.	
BLCT-2140	3-22-72	Lic. (BPCT-4435)	chg.		6-1-73
ERSA	5-15-72				
BSCT-493	5-4-73	Chg. main studio location			
BPCT-4632	10-18-73	Ch. 6	V. 100 kw	U	12-18-73
AH:1090' MSL: 1249'		82-88	A. 10.2 kw		4-18-75
CP to make chgs in	Transmitting equipment				
WIRE	8-6-74	Pend. evaluation of tendered lic.			
appl., auth. grtd.	oper. WABG-TV	temp. per. ending			
9-6-74	accord.	construction permit BPCT-4532.			
Wire	9-9-74	Above ext. to			12-6-74



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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

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Station location .....

Name of licensee SEE CARD #1 .....

Transmitter location SEE CARD #1 .....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
WIRE	12-5-74	Pend. evaluation of tendered lic. appl., ext. auth. grtd. oper WABG-TV temp. per. dnd. 1-6-75 accord. CP BPCT-4682.			
WIRE	1-2-75	Re tenderd lic. appl., auth. grtd. oper. WABG-TV main trans. 7 ant. on program test accord. Sect. 73.629 rules and CP BPCT-4632.			
BRCTV-230	3-28-75	Remote control authority. <u>Wire sent; not issued; to be issued with Renewal.</u>			
BRCT-493	10-21-75	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L)			6-1-76
BRCT-493	5-12-76	Renewal of license (S)			6-1-79
BLGT-2354 BRCT-493 AH:1090' MSL:1249' MAIN TRANS AND ANT.	5-12-76	Ch. 6 82-88	V. 100 kW A. 10.2 kW	U	6-1-79
BRCT- 790131UF	5-18-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			6-1-82
BPCT- 800303K6 AH:1960'	10-2-80	CP TO CH-6 82-88	CHG. TL; & HAAT. V. 100KW Unl. A. 18.6KW		4-2-80



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FORM BC-121

Aug. 1955

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

Call WABC-TV

Letters ~~NEW~~

Name **GREENWOOD BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.**  
 (P.O. Box 414, Greenwood, Miss.) Sta. Location **Greenwood, Miss.**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-2224	10-27-56	CP for a new comm TV b/c station	GRANTED	1-3-58
Recd & filed	10-29-56	Freq: Ch # 6, 82-88 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 30.4 kw, Aur. 15.4 kw Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: <del>On Miss. Rt. # 10, 5 miles West of Greenwood, Miss.</del> T-L: On Miss. Rt. # 10, 5 miles West of Greenwood, Miss. (GE-TT-10-A) (347) Filed by Stephen Tuhy, Jr. Atty. Amended to furnish add. financial data and request waiver of Sec. 3.613 of the Comm's Rules Filed by Stephen Tuhy, Jr. Atty. Amended to change studio location to 206 West Clairborne St., Greenwood, Miss., and to furnish additional financial data and letter re equipment. Filed by Stephen Tuhy, Jr. Atty.	DOCKET NO. 12046	
Amended	4-1-57		<del>Amend ret to Atty</del>	
Recd	4-3-57		<del>4-10-57 Notarial seal</del>	
Resubmitted	4-13-57		<del>omitted</del>	
Filed	4-13-57			
Amended	6-1-57			
Recd & filed	6-4-57			



Paul H. Lee, Engr.



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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

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Letters ~~NW~~

Name **GREENWOOD BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.**  
(P. O. Box. 414, Greenwood, Miss.) Sta. Location Greenwood, Miss.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-2224 Amended Recd Verf. Aff. to amend Recd Filed	10-11-57 10-15-57 10-18-57 11-1-57	Amended re financial, change type of transmitter to GE-TT-5, chg. type of ant. & other equip., studio location from 206 West Clairborne Street, Greenwood, Miss. to On Mississippi Route # 10, 5 miles West of Greenwood, Miss. (same as transmitter site)	GRANTED	1-3-58
BPCT-5156 Recd & Filed	7-31-58 8-1-58	Modification of CP (BPCT-2224, which authorized a new Commercial TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 9-3-58 to 3-3-59. Filed by Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	8-25-58
BPCT-5158 Recd & Filed	7-31-58 8-1-58	Modification of CP (BPCT-2224) which authorized a new Comm TV B/C station to change ERP from Vis. 29.6 kw, Aur. 14.8 kw to Vis. 27.6 kw, Aur. 13.8 kw, change transmitter location from Mississippi Rt. #10, 5 mi. W. of Greenwood, near Greenwood, Mississippi to West City Limits, Itta-Bena, Mississippi; change type of transmitters (GE TT-5); make antenna and other equipment changes, and change antenna height ab. aver. terrain to 547'. Stephen Tuhy, Atty.	DISMISSED	MAR 10 1960 at the request of atty.



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Name GREENWOOD BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Greenwood, Mississippi

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
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BNPCT-5158 Amended Recd & filed	9-11-58 9-17-58	Amended to change ERP from Vis. 27.6 kw Aur. 13.8 kw to Vis. 25.3 kw, Aur. 31.75, make antenna and other equipment changes and ant. hgt. ab. average terrain to 557'	DISMISSED	MAR 10 1959 at the request of atty.
BNPCT-5267 Rec. & filed	2-12-59 2-13-59	Modification of construction permit (BPCT-2224, as modified, which authorized a new Commercial TV station) to extend completion date from 3-3-59 TO 7-15-59. Filed direct	GRANTED	3-4-59



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MISSISSIPPI TELECASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED

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Greenwood, Mississippi

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
HPCT- 5276 Rec. & filed	3-2-59 3-5-59	Modification of CP (BPCT-2224, as modified, which authorized a new Comm. TV station) to change ERP from Vis. 29.6 kw, Aur. 14.8 kw TO Vis. 29.4 kw, Aur. 14.7 kw; change type of transmitters to RCA TT5A; make changes in the antenna system and change antenna height above average terrain to 347 feet. Sam Miller-atty John Creutz, Engr.	GRANTED	4-6-59
BPCT-2707 Recd. & Filed	10-7-59 10-8-59	Construction Permit to replace expired C P (BPCT-2224, as modified) which authorized a new Commercial Television Broadcast Station. Direct.	GRANTED (321)	10-19-59
BLCT- 983 Rec. filed	10-14-59 10-16-59	License to cover CP (BPCT-2707 which replaced BPCT-2224 as mod, for a new Commercial TV B/C station) and redescribe transmitter and studio locations as 5 miles West of Greenwood Highway #82, Greenwood, Mississippi (Not a change) Sam Miller-atty	GRANTED	8-8-60
Amended R & F	6-28-60 6-30-60	Amended to change name to MISSISSIPPI TELECASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.		



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COMM. TV

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Call

MISSISSIPPI TELECASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED (1-6-60)

Letters WABC-TV

Name GREENWOOD BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Greenwood, Mississippi (P.O. Box 414, Greenwood, Miss. 6-16-64)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAPCT- 278 Rec. Filed	12-10-59 12-17-59 12-17-59	Voluntary assignment of construction permit TO Mississippi Telecasting Company, Incorporated Atty: Izas Bahakel, 202 Title Guarantee Bldg. Birmingham 3, Alabama	GRANTED EFF: 1-7-60	1-6-60
BRCT-493 Recd.&Filed	2-28-61 3-6-61	RENEWAL OF LICENSE J. Roger Wollenberg, Atty	GRANTED	6-1-61
LTR. rec. 8-14-63 BRCT-493 Recd.&Filed	Atty. is 2-28-64 3-6-64	Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, 900-17th. St. N. W., Wash. D. C. 20006 RENEWAL OF LICENSE J. Roger Wollenberg, Atty.	GRANTED	5-28-64



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COMM. TV B/C

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Letters WABG-TV

Name MISSISSIPPI TELECASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED  
 CH. #6 GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI zip 38931

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-3652 Recd. & Filed	10-22-65 10-29-65	Construction Permit to change ERP from Vis. 28.3 kw, Aur. 14.1 kw, TO Vis. 100 kw, Aur. 14.1 kw; change transmitter location from 5 miles West of Greenwood, Highway #82, Near Greenwood, Miss., TO 3 3/4 miles NE of Inverness, Mississippi; change type of transmitters to Vis. <del>RCA TT-25BL</del> , Aur. <del>RCA TT-25A</del> ; make changes in the antenna structure and increase antenna height above average terrain to 1091 feet. Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, Atty. Don E. Kassner, Engr (Box 1045, Charlotte, N.C.)	GRANTED	2-25-66
BMLCT-432 Recd. & Filed	1-14-66 1-19-66	Mod. of license to reduce aural ERP from 14.1 kw to 5.62 kw. Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, Atty.	SEE AMENDMENT BELOW  GRANTED	  1-25-66
BPCT-3652 cont'd AMENDED R&F	2-16-66	AMENDED to change type transmitters to RCA TT-25BLI(LA)		



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COMM. TV.

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Letters **WABG-TV**

Name  
CH-6 **MISSISSIPPI TELECASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED**  
**Greenwood, Mississippi**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-6386 R & F	10-18-66 10-19-66	Mod. of CP(BPCT-3652, which auth. changes in existing station) to extend completion date from 10-25-66 to 2-25-67. Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering (Joel Rosenbloom)	DISMISSED AS MOOT 6-20-67	
BLCT-1649 R & F	12-27-66 1-6-67	License to cover CP(BPET-3652, as mod.) which authorized changes in an existing station. Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, Atty. (Joel Rosenbloom) Don E. Kassner, Engr.	GRANTED	7-16-70
Orig. & 19 copies	2-10-67	REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SEC. 73.652(a) OF COMMISSION'S RULES to permit WABG-TV to identify itself as "GREENWOOD-GREENVILLE".	GRANTED Commission letter	3-20--67



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV.

Call

Letters WABG-TV

Name MISSISSIPPI TELECASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATEDCH-6 Greenwood, Mississippi

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-493	2-28-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Joel Rosenbloom, Esq., Atty.	RETURNED	3-3-67
RESUBMITTED	3-8-67		Improperly-filed	
R & F	3-8-67		GRANTED	5-22-67
BRCT-493	2-27-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	5-27-70
R & F	3-3-70	Jay F. Lapin, Atty. (Wilmer, Cutler)		
\$150 #582025	"	AMENDED 3-26-70 re programming.		
PN Recd.	"	AMENDED 5-27-70 re programming.		
PRESS				
Engr. data filed	7-2-70			
BPCT-4435	4-8-71	CP to make chgs. in transmitting equipment.	GRANTED	7-14-71
R & F	4-13-71	Atty.: DR Anderson (Wilmer, Cutler)		
#000825 \$50	4-13-71			
AC: 062				
PRESS	MAY 3 1971			



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Letters **WABC-TV**

Name **MISSISSIPPI TELECASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED**  
 CH-6 **GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-2140 Received Filed #042544 \$50 AC: 069 PRESS:	2-14-72 2-17-72 2-17-72 2-17-72  <b>FEB 29 1972</b>	Lic. to cover (BPCT-4435) for chgs. Atty.: David R. Anderson (Wilmer, Cutler)	GRANTED	3-22-72
BRCT-493 R & F PN REC'D PRESS:	3-1-73 3-5-73 3-5-73 <b>MAR 30 1973</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Douglas G. Thompson, Jr. (Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering) Amended 4-30-73 re other business interests	GRANTED COMM. ACTION	10-21-75
BPCT-4632 R & F #197929 \$50 AC: 062 PRESS:	6-6-73 6-6-73 6-6-73  <b>JUN 27 1973</b>	CP to make chgs. in transmitting equipment. Atty: David R. Anderson (Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering)	GRANTED Over for	10-18-73 condition.



PETITION TO DENY AND INTERVENE filed 5-1-73 by Alvin O. Chambliss on behalf of Greenwood Movement

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO PETITION TO DENY filed 6-13-73 by Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering on behalf of Mississippi Telecasting Company

SUPPLEMENT TO MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT filed 9-5-73 by David Anderson on behalf of WABG-TV

BPCT-4632 - conditions:

- 1) The combination of visual transmitting equipment specified herein has not been type accepted and the aural transmitter is not type accepted for operation at the output power proposed. Accordingly, before program tests are authorized, the transmitters must be type accepted in accordance with the requirements of Section 73.640 of the Commission's Rules.
- 2) This authorization is without prejudice to whatever action the Commission may deem appropriate with respect to the pending license renewal application (BRCT-493) for station WABG-TV.

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BRCT-493

MEMO OPINION & ORDER ADOPTED 10-21-75 RELEASED 11-5-75 FCC # 75-1187 MIMEO 37629 Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the motion to dismiss the petition to deny the applications of Stations WABG-AM-TV, filed June 27, 1973, by the Delta Coalition for Better Broadcasting IS GRANTED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the motion for approval of reimbursement agreement, filed June 28, 1973, by the licensee IS GRANTED and reimbursement to the Delta Coalition for Better Broadcasting IS APPROVED in the amount of \$3,432.58. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the applications of Mississippi Telecasting Company, Inc. and Greenwood Broadcasting Company, Inc. for renewal of licenses of stations WABG-TV and WABG, respectively, ARE GRANTED for the remainder of their regular license terms.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 12-4-75 by Southern Media Coalition, NAACP & Black Colleges



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Letters **WABG-TV****MISSISSIPPI TELECASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED****Greenwood, Mississippi**Name  
CH 6

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-493	cont'd.	Amended 6-27-73 re equal emp. & prog. Amended 10-10-75 re equal employment.		
BRCTV-230	11-21-74	Request for authority to operate transmitter	GRANTED Wire sent; not issued; to be issued with Renewal.	3-28-75
R & F	11-26-74	by remote control from 2001 Garrard Avenue,		
#368398 \$50.	11-26-74	Greenwood, Mississippi		
AC: 058		Atty: David R. Anderson (Wilmer, Cutler &		
PRESS:	DEC 18 1974	Pickering)		
		Additional Engineering filed 1-21-75.		
BLCT-2354	7-12-74	License to cover (BPCT-4632) for changes.	GRANTED	5-12-76
R & F	7-26-74	Atty: David R. Anderson (Wilmer, Cutler,		
#385091 \$50	1-21-75	& Pickering)		
AC: 058				
PRESS:	APR 1 1975			



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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

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Letters WABG-TV

Name MISSISSIPPI TELECASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED  
CH-6 Greenwood, Mississippi

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-493 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	1-30-76 2-2-76 2-2-76 20 Feb 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Annual Reports Filed Contours filed Atty: Robert V. Cahill (Cahill, Kaswell & Nerenberg)	GRANTED	5-12-76
BRCT-790131LF R & F PN REC'D PRESS	1-30-79 1-31-79 79 04 27	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	5-18-79
BPCT-800303K3 R&F PN REC'D	2-25-80 3-3-80 7-24-80	CP to chg. TL to 2.8 mi. NE of Iverness, MS ((33-22-23 90-32-31); and chg. HAA to 1962 ft. JUL 25 '80 SEP 8 '80 Ltr. 2-9-76 re Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering no longer represent WABG-TV.	GRANTED	10-2-80



## About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast radio stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of television station history.

